

# CONSENT CALENDAR

February 16, 2022

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Municipal and County Government  
to which was referred HB 1277,

AN ACT relative to the reporting of cybersecurity  
incidents. Having considered the same, report the same  
with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO  
PASS.

Rep. Richard Tripp

FOR THE COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>Municipal and County Government</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 1277</b>
Title:	<b>relative to the reporting of cybersecurity incidents.</b>
Date:	<b>February 16, 2022</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill establishes the requirement for entities which interact with the Department of Information Technology to report any cybersecurity incidents immediately in order to minimize any adverse effects resulting from the incident.

Vote 19-0.

Rep. Richard Tripp  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Municipal and County Government**

**HB 1277**, relative to the reporting of cybersecurity incidents. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Richard Tripp for Municipal and County Government. This bill establishes the requirement for entities which interact with the Department of Information Technology to report any cybersecurity incidents immediately in order to minimize any adverse effects resulting from the incident. **Vote 19-0.**

Original: House Clerk

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1277**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the reporting of cybersecurity incidents.

**DATE:** January 24, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**MOTIONS:** OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Tripp

Seconded by Rep. Melvin

Vote: 19-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk





2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: 1277 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 1/24/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	19		
Piemonte, Tony Vice Chairman	1		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	2		
Tripp, Richard P.	3		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4		
Lascelles, Richard W.	5		
McBride, Everett P. <i>Rep. Nutter</i>	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Maggiore, Jim V.	10		
Treleaven, Susan GS <i>Rep. Lowe</i>	11		
Gilman, Julie D.	12		
Stavis, Laurel <i>Rep. Telenoski</i>	13		
Mangipudi, Latha D. <i>Rep. Perez</i>	14		
Vann, Ivy C.	15		
Klee, Patricia S.	16		
Gallager, Eric B.	17		
Rung, Rosemarie	18		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1277

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the reporting of cybersecurity incidents.

**DATE:** January 13, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:42 p.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 2:05 p.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. Dolan, Piemonte, J. MacDonald, Tripp, Guthrie, Lascelles, Melvin, Pauer, Maggiore, Gilman, Stavis, Vann, Klee, Gallagher and Rung

**Bill Sponsors:**

Rep. Somssich

Rep. Meuse

Rep. Hamblet

Rep. Ward

TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**Rep. Peter Somssich** - Prime sponsor of the bill. Not required to report (municipalities) to the IT Commission. Letter from the Municipal Association. Small minor change, Line 4 & 5 within the political subdivision system.

Rep. Tripp: Why do we need something like this? State would have regulation. ANS: Commissioner does not believe they have the authority.

Rep. Pauer: Any examples of recent situation where this bill would help? ANS: Not aware of any incidents. Commissioner might be aware of something.

**Dennis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of IT** - Supports the bill. We are aware of what resources are available. Situational awareness. Connection to the town entities.

Rep. Tripp: Rules to govern the connections to the state? ANS: I am not aware of any rules.

Rep. Lascelles: Line 5, should they report it immediately? Should that be more defined? ANS: We have 24/7 calls for cyber problems.

Rep. Maggiore: Authority of commission? ANS: Comes from the Executive part of Government. We would stand by to help the municipalities.

Rep. Pauer: Vendor acting as an agent? ANS: No, IT manager for smaller entities within the state.

**Margaret Byrnes, NH Municipal Association** - No position on this bill. Amendments, Line 4 and 5 would ask that it be part of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John T. MacDonald  
Clerk





# House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB1277 on 2022-01-13

Support: 1 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Meuse, David	Portsmouth, NH David.Meuse@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Rockingham 29	Support	No	No	1/11/2022 8:15 AM

HB 1277 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2820

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HOUSE BILL **1277**

AN ACT relative to the reporting of cybersecurity incidents.

SPONSORS: Rep. Somssich, Rock. 27; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 29; Rep. Hamblet, Rock. 31; Rep. Ward, Rock. 28

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill defines "cybersecurity incident" and requires that political subdivisions report such incidents to the department of information technology.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                   relative to the reporting of cybersecurity incidents.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 New Section; Duties of Towns; Cybersecurity. Amend RSA 31 by inserting after section 103-a  
2 the following new section:

3           31:103-b Cybersecurity. The governing body, or chief administrative officer or designee of any  
4 political subdivision, who knows of or suspects a cybersecurity incident within such political  
5 subdivision, or within any vendor acting as an agent of the political subdivision, shall immediately  
6 report such incident, upon discovery, and shall disclose all known information and interactions to  
7 the New Hampshire cyber integration center of the department of information technology. For  
8 purposes of this section, "cybersecurity incident" means an occurrence that actually or potentially  
9 jeopardizes the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of an information system or the information  
10 processes, stores, or transmits, of that constitutes a violation or imminent threat of violation of  
11 security policies, security procedures, or acceptable use policies.

12           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.